

- Until now, if you wanted to file a patent application, you really had only two main options; you could pay a patent attorney \$5,000 to \$6,000 or do nothing. That fee was money well spent. Of course, you could also pay a so-called "filing service" to file an application for you, but somebody [meaning YOU] was still going to have to write the application without any help.
- There was another option, which was filing a provisional application. There are lots of scams out there that encourage this and charge a low fee to do a poor job - since they know the USPTO is not even going to evaluate the provisional application. It's kind of like turning in homework you know is not going to be counted or graded - how much time is really going to be spent on it?
- Even this just kicks the can down the road - in a few months, you still have to hire the patent attorney or the provisional application just expires. Besides, if you are going to write the provisional, you may as well avoid the fees from the so-called "filing service" and file it on the USPTO.gov website.
- Now, there is another option - you can learn to write the provisional application and the utility application and file them yourself. You can learn to do it and I can show you how. I can't turn you into a patent attorney in a couple of weeks, but I can show you how to prepare your own documents - on your own schedule at your own pace.
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